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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Madam/Sir:

I cannot accept without writing the settlement agreed to by the Department of Justice.

The usual expectation is that when a property crime is committed, the perpetrator is required to restore the ill-gotten gain. And, after that, the perpetrator is punished.

The proposed settlement does not begin to approach restoration of a competitive environment for computer operating systems. Nor for computer applications. The breakup of Microsoft looked like a reasonable start to me. While hardly the total punishment deserved, it certainly was the proper starting point.

I hope you will refuse to accept the DOJ agreement with Microsoft. We deserve better service from our system of justice.

Yours truly,
Albert O. Howard